

## VERY BOLD PLOT

To Blackmail a Rich Man of Atlanta Failed

## THE TRAP PREPARED

By Detectives Proves Effective and an Eighteen-Year-Old Youth, a Member of His Would-be Victim's Sunday School Class, Is Caught and Confesses It All.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—Charged with attempting to blackmail Asa G. Candler, president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, banker, and Atlanta's wealthiest citizen, out of \$35,000 by "Black Hand" methods, Daniel W. Johnson, Jr., 18 years old and a member of Mr. Candler's Sunday school class, was arrested to-night at the instance of the postoffice inspectors and lodged in the Fulton county jail.

Johnson admits writing the letters and takes his arrest very coolly. He, however, declares that he was the catpaw of three strangers, who, he claims, dictated his every action in connection with the affair and forced him to write the demands for money under penalty of death. He furnished the officers with a description of the three men.

On Friday of last week Mr. Candler received the first of the two letters written by the "Black Hand" plotters, in which he was asked to place \$35,000 under the steps of the pastor's study of the Inman Park Methodist church, on Monday night, April 5, "or you and your family will meet a horrible death at our hands." Sunday he received a second letter warning him to comply with the demands, and further threatening him and his family if he failed to comply, or if he made mention of the matter to a living soul.

Mr. Candler called George M. Sutton, chief postoffice inspector of the Atlanta division, in consultation, and it was decided to trap the black-mailer. Mr. Candler drew \$35,000 in cash from the bank, of which he is president, so as to guard against any possible betrayal of his plans. Monday night he made up a package and placed it at the point designated, the real money in the meantime remaining at his residence guarded by detectives. Two detectives kept watch near where the fake package was placed, but no one appeared during the night for the package.

This morning Mr. Candler received a telephone message demanding that he place \$1,000 at a secluded spot on Moreland avenue, between Annabel street and Walker alley. Again a fake package was prepared and placed at the spot designated tonight, and Johnson appeared from the darkness, grabbed up the package and started on a run, but was in the grasp of Detectives Lockhart and Coker before he was aware that he had been observed.

He was then taken to the Tower, and after a grueling examination made a confession, admitting having written the two letters, but saying he acted under compulsion. The police give little credence to his story of having been forced to write the letters by three strangers.

The first letter, dated April 1, warned Mr. Candler that if he failed to put the sum at the spot indicated, "you alone shall meet death. Tell anyone of it and you and your house—that is, all that live with you—shall meet the most horrible death at our hands. Ponder up with the sum and keep your face closed about it, and all will be well. Fail to put the sum there or blab it, and hell will be to pay—nothing more nor less than death."

The second letter advised Mr. Candler to "slide up close to the side of the steps and put it under them, and then '23' as hard as you can. Do not fail, or you will be blown to 'kingdom come' before day Tuesday, April 6."

Mr. Candler was little disturbed over the incident, and it was stated tonight that he would lose no sleep over fears of his home being dynamited.

## TIRED OF LIFE.

One of Philadelphia's Richest Men Takes His Life.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Charles E. Ellis, president of the Citizens' Passenger Railway Company, and one of the wealthiest men in Philadelphia, shot and killed himself today at his home in this city. He was discovered lying in a pool of blood in his bed room by his wife, who heard the report of the revolver while she was at breakfast. A physician who was hastily summoned pronounced him dead. The dead man was 74 years old and had been a sufferer from neuralgia and rheumatism for some time. Mr. Ellis' wealth was reported to be above \$10,000,000.

## Barkantine Abandoned.

New York, April 6.—Abandoned by her crew, badly battered by the sea and with several spars carried away, the waterlogged barkentine Luarea was encountered about 200 miles east of Cape Hatteras Sunday by the steamer Norse Prince.

## Wont Let Him Land.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, April 6.—At the urgent request of the State department at Washington, communicated to the London foreign office, the British government has decided not to permit Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, to land at Trinidad.

## WILL FIGHT DUTY

ON SENATOR TILLMAN RESTS HOPE OF THE FARMERS.

Lever and Colleagues Cannot Get Hearings, but Opportunity for Reopening Question May Arise.

Columbia, April 6.—The Record says it is likely that Senator Tillman, who has been at his home in Trenton several weeks resting, will go on to Washington in a few days to take up the fight in the senate against the provision in the tariff bill increasing the duty on German potash—an item that means a tax of \$200,000 on the farmers of this State.

The present outlook is that Congressman Lever and the other members of the house from South Carolina will not get a chance at the proposition under the rules, in which case the fight will have to be made in the senate by Senator Tillman and Smith and other Southern senators.

Under the rules the matter cannot be corrected by amendment from the floor of the house, and as it is proposed to shove the bill through the house at an early date, it is extremely doubtful whether Mr. Lever will even get a chance to speak on the amendment, particularly as he cannot get the floor except through one of the party leaders.

Commissioner Watson is being materially assisted in gathering facts and data showing the effect the duty will have upon the farming interests, not only of this State, but of the entire South, and these statistics are being hurried into shape for Mr. Lever as rapidly as possible.

State Geologist Sloan, who is a practical fertilizer man of many years' experience, is in Charleston today to fortify himself on the situation from the fertilizer standpoint, after a conference with Commissioner Watson.

## NEGRO GIVEN LONG TERM

For the Outrageous Treatment of a White Woman.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Twenty-five years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and a \$2,000 fine was the sentence imposed by Judge Barratt here today when George Washington, a negro, was convicted of holding Mrs. Ella Curtin, white, a prisoner in his room and ill treating and robbing her. Mrs. Curtin went to the negro's home to make arrangements to have her trunks moved to a storage house. She alleged that Washington kept her a prisoner in his room from March 25 to 29. She was rescued by the police who had been notified of the matter by another negro roomer in the house. The woman, hospital physicians testified today, is a physical wreck as the result of her experience. Several times while testifying today to the revolting nature of her experiences she collapsed on the stand. The jury quickly convicted Washington and he was given the full penalty of the law.

## PRIZES FOR NEAT YARDS.

Graniteville Manufacturing Company Offers Them.

Aiken, April 6.—What is attracting no little comment and pleasant discussion in this city is the action of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company in offering three prizes for the best kept yards in the little city. The first prize is \$15, the second \$10 and the third prize \$5. Graniteville is everywhere recognized as being the prettiest, best kept and neatest mill town in the State, and the fact is a pride to the stockholders of the Graniteville mill, best endeavors are ever directed toward keeping the undesirable class of people away. People with bad character can never find employment in the Graniteville mill. The prizes will be offered at the regular meeting of the stockholders in a few days.

## THOUSAND CHICKENS BURNED.

Flames Devour Fat Fowls—Negroes Want to Rescue.

New York, April 6.—Harlem negroes are sad today after witnessing the wanton destruction of 1,000 fat chickens that were roasted to a rich brown and then burned to a crisp in a fire which destroyed property at the foot of East 124 th street last night. The chickens were the property of H. L. Goldberg, and were confined in his poultry yard. Several negroes in the crowd excitedly volunteered to rescue the fowls before death came, but they were held back by the police reserves.

## BROKER KILLED.

E. M. Gregg Meets With Peculiar Accident and Death.

Wilmington, N. C., April 5.—E. M. Gregg, a leading merchandise broker of Wilmington, and a member of a prominent South Carolina family was instantly killed on the streets here today by the collapse of a pile of brick and other building material, against which he was standing while talking with a friend. He was 52 years old.

## Killed by Robbers.

Birmingham, Ala., April 6.—George Housley, a negro brakeman, was instantly killed early this morning in Bessemer by robbers. The robbers had entered a freight car, which had just stopped at the depot and the conductor, hearing a noise, sent Housley back to investigate. The men escaped.

## HAS SOLD OUT

Claim to be a Democrat But Really a Republican

## HE NAMES THE PRICE

For Which He Is Willing to Sell Out the Farmers and Other Residents of the South, and Is Loudly Applauded Time and Again by the Republicans.

Washington, April 5.—In the House today Mr. Clark, Democrat, of Florida, got a round of Republican applause, when he said that incident protection absolutely was necessary in certain cases.

"Are you a protectionist or not?" inquired Mr. Randall, of Texas.

Mr. Clark declared that all legislation was the result of compromise. "I don't expect to write the tariff bill for this majority," he exclaimed, "but I say to you that if they put into this bill what my people want, what they sent me here to get, I shall not dictate to them what else they shall put into it." The Republicans again applauded and cheered, and the House was thrown into an uproar when Mr. Randall asked "if the gentleman believes in the doctrine that if a Representative here gets some of the swag, he ought to go with the Republicans in making this bill?"

Mr. Clark took violent exception to the use of the word "swag," and said that as long as the people of the South had to bear the burdens of the protective tariff system they at least ought to have a division of the benefits. "Call it swag if you will," he said, "but I represent a district equally as intelligent, as conscientious and as patriotic as does the gentleman from Texas."

"Are you a protectionist or not?" Mr. Randall still wanted to know.

Speaking slowly and gradually raising his voice to its highest pitch, Mr. Clark evoked thunderous Republican applause when he declared "I am in line with the Democratic party, but I am not in line with the Populist element that has controlled it recently."

Mr. Clark quoted from the resolution of the recent Democratic caucus, which declared that the members of the minority were left free to vote as they choose on constitutional questions, and also when instructed by their constituency to pursue a certain line of action. He called attention to memorials of the Florida Legislature, that a duty be put on Egyptian and other long staple cotton coming into the United States in connection with the sea island cotton; also that a duty be put on citrus fruits, pineapples and the like, "and," he exclaimed, "I am instructed in that regard, and no hawks and opinionated Democrats can make me violate a solemn obligation I owe."

Mr. Rucker (Missouri) interrupted to call attention to the fact that all the thunderous applause had come from the Republican side, but the Chair admonished him that he was out of order. "The gentleman can't hurt me by those things," said Mr. Clark. "The people of my district know me."

Laboring under the belief that Mr. Clark's remarks about Populism applied to him, Mr. Randall denied that any Populism was contained in his record. Mr. Clark, in reply to that, said he merely wanted to state where he himself stood. "I stand on my platform," he exclaimed. "I am not for protection per se."

"Did you intend for the House and the country to understand that the Democracy is in any way affiliated with Populism?" was Mr. Randall's further question, but the reply of the Floridian threw the House into a frenzy.

"I will tell you what I want the country to understand," he said liberally. "We don't intend, so far as I am concerned, and I believe the people I represent, to follow your Nebraska Populist leader any more."

"Does the gentleman stand with the New Jersey Democrat that thinks Bryan knew too much of the deal to be President of the United States?" propounded Mr. Randall.

"I think," responded Mr. Clark, with some feeling, "that the Southern Democracy never made a greater mistake than when it turned its back on its Democratic friends in the East that it has driven from the party, and tied up with Populism out in Nebraska."

Mr. Randall declared that Mr. Bryan needed no defence at his hands, and asked Mr. Clark if he was a Cleveland Democrat on the tariff and if he stood for the doctrine of free raw materials.

"I am just a plain, old-fashioned Democrat," drawled Mr. Clark, amid shouts of laughter.

Declaring that the people who assumed to speak for the South were not entitled to that right, Mr. Clark said:

Finley Gets into the Game.

"I am sick and tired of hearing my Southern colleagues talk of the 'poor men of the South.' I want to do something to take them out of that class. The factories of the East are going to the South, where their raw material is to be found, where living is cheap, so that we can soon defy the world in the cheapness of their manufacture." Replying to a question by Mr. Finley, of South Carolina, Mr. Clark said that if the Republican party would put in the bill what his people had instructed him to get, he would vote for the bill.

## ANOTHER TORNADO

ABERDEEN, MISS., BADLY DAMAGED BY ONE.

Five Persons Met Death Under Ruins of Railway Station and Several Were Injured.

Aberdeen, Miss., April 6.—Five persons are known to have been killed, four others injured and still others are buried under the debris of the Illinois Central depot, which was demolished by a tornado which swept through the city of Aberdeen tonight.

The dead:

W. C. McMillan, president of the Bank of Aberdeen.

T. C. McMillan, cotton buyer.

Three negroes unidentified.

Those known to have been injured are: George Franklin, telegraph operator in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, and Messrs. Ray, King and Wieburn, also railroad employees.

The storm, while of short duration, was of great velocity, and besides demolishing the depot, damaged a number of other buildings. Immediately after the storm passed relief parties were hastily formed and the search among the wreckage of the depot begun. At midnight five bodies of those killed had been recovered and four of the injured.

## Several Hurt in Illinois.

Marion, Ill., April 6.—Many persons were hurt and considerable property was damaged by a tornado, which struck this city and vicinity today.

The storm came from the southwest, and was preceded and followed by heavy rains. The monetary loss is \$150,000.

The Marion State and Trust Bank, a number of offices, were partly blown down. The African Methodist church was also wrecked. At Pittsburg, the Methodist church was blown down.

## A FAMILY TRAGEDY.

Man Was Seeking Reconciliation With His Wife.

Roanoke, Va., April 5.—A special from Buena Vista, Va., says Henry W. Amos, of that place was today shot and killed by his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Campbell. Amos' wife recently left him, and went to the Campbell home to live with her sister. When Amos returned to Buena Vista today from Richmond, he called at the Campbell residence and sought a reconciliation with his wife. The latter refused to go with her husband and a quarrel followed. Mrs. Campbell fired several shots from a revolver at Amos, none of them taking effect. She then seized a shotgun and discharged it at Amos at close range, the contents taking effect in Amos' body, killing him. It is said that Amos was not armed.

## BUSINESS MAN WAYLAIED.

Tied Wealthy Man to a Tree and Then Robbed Him.

Kingsport, Tenn., April 5.—John L. Bond, a prominent and wealthy business man of this place, was waylaid by two men tonight about 8 o'clock, tied to a tree and robbed of \$600 in money, a negotiable bank certificate for \$700 and other valuable securities. Mr. Bond was going from home when the two men attacked him. He was left tied to the tree, where he was found one hour later, uninjured. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the robbers and a posse of citizens joined in the pursuit.

## GOES AFTER DESPERADO.

Berkeley Sheriff to Bring Henry Haynes Back.

Columbia, April 5.—Henry Haynes, convicted of manslaughter at Monck's Corner ten years ago, a man against whom also there is a sealed sentence for breach of trust with fraudulent intent, will be lodged in the State Penitentiary in a few days, as Sheriff Causey, of Berkeley, left yesterday for Jacksonville to bring Haynes back to serve out his sentence. The arrest of Haynes in Jacksonville recalled an interesting story of the man's escape just before he was to be brought here ten years ago.

## Kills Two Young Lads.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 6.—Two boys were killed and several others seriously injured today when a car on the St. Clair incline, running from Josephine street, Southside, to Mount Oliver, broke away about the centre of the incline and plunged to the bottom.

regardless of anything else.

"Have you no convictions?" asked Mr. Finley.

"I have," responded Mr. Clark, "on convictions of men who represent nothing but a short bale of cotton, a nigger and a mule."

Thunderous applause on the Republican side interrupted the speaker, and when quiet was restored he continued:

"The Democracy ought to be progressive if it is anything. It ought to keep abreast of the times. It ought to meet conditions as they find them. I do not consider that you, gentlemen," he declared, looking around on the Democratic side of the House, "represent Democracy any more than I do. We will meet at the next National Convention, and we will then see who is to control and who will represent the Democratic sentiment of this great Republic of ours."

## BADLY BROKEN

Democratic Party Lines Are Out of Alinement

## PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Voted for by Some Democrats in the House—Messrs. Lever and Elzerbe Favor Duties on Lumber. Other South Carolina Members Vote Against Schedule.

Washington, April 6.—Zack McGee writes as follows to The State: To take the tariff off lumber so as to cheapen it for the consumers was not made a party fight today and the situation is so peculiar with the duties already in the bill on what the lumberman buys, as well as on what all the rest of us buy, that there is no special significance in the votes in the house on the various amendments to the lumber schedules.

A large number of Southern Democrats voted against the amendment to make rough lumber free and to reduce the tariff on all other grades of lumber.

Messrs. Hardwick, Howard, Hughes, and Bartlett of Georgia stood out for free lumber. The South Georgians, Edwards, Brantley and Griggs, together with Col. Livingston and Judge Adamson, voted straight through for protection on lumber.

Of the South Carolinians, Messrs. Johnston and Aiken voted out and out for free lumber. Messrs. Finley and Lever voted on the rising vote, Finley for free lumber, Lever against it, but neither voted at all when tellers were called for. Mr. Elzerbe voted straight through against free lumber. Messrs. Patterson and Legare were absent. Mr. Patterson has not been well for several weeks.

The North Carolinians, except Mr. Kitchen, voted straight for protection on lumber.

The other Southern States were similarly divided, practically every man who had any lumber interests in his district, regardless of party, voted in the interests of the producer rather than the consumer. This, of course, delighted the Republicans, who like to have the opportunity to taunt Democrats with voting for protection of the producer.

Mr. Clark of Florida, who yesterday boldly announced that he was for protection on what his district produced and would vote for the Payne bill if he got that regardless of what else the bill contained, felt that he was vindicated today by the act of other Democrats on the lumber schedule and he taunted some of those who yesterday taunted him.

Champ Clark, the minority leader, voted straight through for free lumber in accordance with the Denver platform.

## KILLS TWO MORE.

Smallpox at York Mill Seems to be Virulent Type.

Yorkville, April 5.—There have been two more deaths from smallpox here during the twenty-four hours ending last night at 10 o'clock, making a total of six in all. The latest victims are a child of Kirby Pugh, the first person to die of the disease, and with whom it originated here, and a negro woman, who died in the outskirts of town and near the York Cotton Mill yesterday morning. Her case was first reported to the board of health on last Friday night.

There have been ten cases in all reported so far, and six of them have resulted fatally. Seven of the ten cases developed in the mill village and the other three are traceable directly to the same source. There have been no new cases during the past week, except that of the colored woman who died today. The local physicians have been almost overwhelmed during the past week by persons seeking to be vaccinated, and it is believed that at this time there are very few who have not had the virus applied.

## KILLED HIMSELF.

Reverse of Fortune Caused the Awful Dead.

New York, April 5.—Leaving a letter addressed to his wife in which he explained his act by saying that reverse of fortune had cut down his competence until not enough of it was left for two, Chambers M. Craig, a retired captain of the United States army, tonight committed suicide in his apartments by shooting.

"The time has now arrived," said Capt. Craig in his letter, "when there must come the inevitable smash which always follows living beyond one's means. If the hard time had not not put an end to my opportunities, I would have gone on for a year or more. I have made a little money and left a little for you. I wish you the greatest happiness, and I wish I could remain with you; and I am confident that matters will be all right with you. But there is not enough for two. You will realize \$75 a month some times and other times there is \$25 a month."

Capt. Craig was a native of Pittsburg and at one time owned considerable real estate in Atlanta, Ga., and this city. A brother, living in Keswick, Albemarle county, Va., is a retired major, U. S. A.

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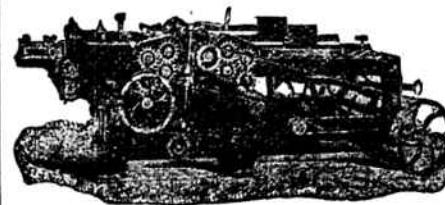
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Columbia, April 6.—The money which had been tied up by the order of Judge Pritchard has been deposited in a number of banks throughout the State and the State treasurer has securities for the various amounts. This money will now be turned over to the commission for distribution as it may see fit just as soon as the formal order of the supreme court is secured.

It will be recalled that some time ago Judge Pritchard ordered about 22 per cent of the money released for the use of the commission to pay contingent expenses. The remainder is now divided among the various banks as follows:

Bank of Timmonsville ..	\$7,777.78
Columbia Savings Bank and Trust Co. ....	34,875.00
Bank of Orangeburg ..	10,885.00
National Exchange of Chester .....	3,889.35
Bank of Aiken .....	27,212.50
Commercial Bank of Camden .....	3,887.50
City National Bank of Greenville .....	15,550.00
Lexington Savings Bank	3,887.50
People's National Bank of Charleston .....	11,662.50
People's Bank of Greenville .....	15,550.00
Norwood National Bank of Greenville .....	19,412.50
Bank of Camden .....	15,550.00
National Loan and Exchange of Columbia (from the expense fund) .....	2,564.14
Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Cheraw ....	18,344.59
Enterprise Bank of Charleston .....	7,775.00
Bank of Charleston ..	15,550.00
Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Spartanburg ..	7,775.00
First National Bank of Spartanburg .....	3,887.00
Central National Bank of Spartanburg .....	3,887.50
Bank of Dillon .....	7,775.00
Merchants' and Planters' Bank, Gaffney .....	7,775.00
Farmers' and Merchants' of Anderson .....	3,887.50
Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Waterboro ..	1,943.75
Commercial and Savings Bank of Florence ..	8,000.00
Bank of Hartsville ..	7,775.00
National Loan and Exchange Bank of Columbia .....	145,678.33
The State Bank of Columbia .....	38,875.00
Palmetto National Bank of Columbia .....	46,650.00
People's Bank of Union ..	7,775.00
People's Loan and Exchange of Laurens .....	3,887.50
The State treasurer has on deposit \$85,481.71, claims paid the dispensary by the various counties since the matter has been turned over to the State treasurer.	
The total amount in banks is about \$513,832.	

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## Two Killed by Train.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Two unidentified men were struck and killed today by a train on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad. The name "Jas. C. Wills," and the inscription, "Born in Richmond, Virginia, December 7, 1876," were tattooed on the right arm of one of the men.

